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New beginnings

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts shares a laugh at the conclusion of the inauguration ceremony on Monday, Dec. 3 in Dysart council chambers in Haliburton. Roberts said she wished her mother could have been there. "She would have been so proud," she said. More on page 3.
/DARREN LUM Staff

Highlands East first to allow retail marijuana stores

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Highlands East last week became the first municipality in the county to opt-in to allowing cannabis retail stores within their municipality.

Recreational cannabis was legalized across Canada in October, and in Ontario, access to marijuana has been made available by mail only, through a government-run online retail website.

The provincial government plans to roll out a private recreational cannabis retail store option, which can be in place as of April 1, 2019.

Municipalities and townships have until Jan. 22 to opt out of allowing marijuana stores within their boundaries.

The province has committed to providing \$40 million in funding over the next two years to help municipalities with implementation costs of legalizing recreational cannabis, according to Robyn

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Environmentalists' work dates back decades

JENN WATT

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has selected three environmentalists as this year's Enviro-Heroes.

The annual awards are given to those who "protect and sustain our natural resources and environment through edu-

cation and stewardship," said the land trust's chairwoman Mary Lou Gerstl, during the presentation at the charity's Haliburton office on Dec. 6.

Carolynn Coburn, Eric Lilius and Andrew Carmount were this year's recipients.

"Our first award goes to a couple (partners, in fact) who have been involved with environmental protection and

education for many years, Carolynn Coburn and Eric Lilius," Gerstl said in her address, "Carolynn and Eric actually facilitated the first gathering of people interested in forming a land trust and of course here we are today."

Coburn was a member of the Anson, Hindon and Minden Environmental

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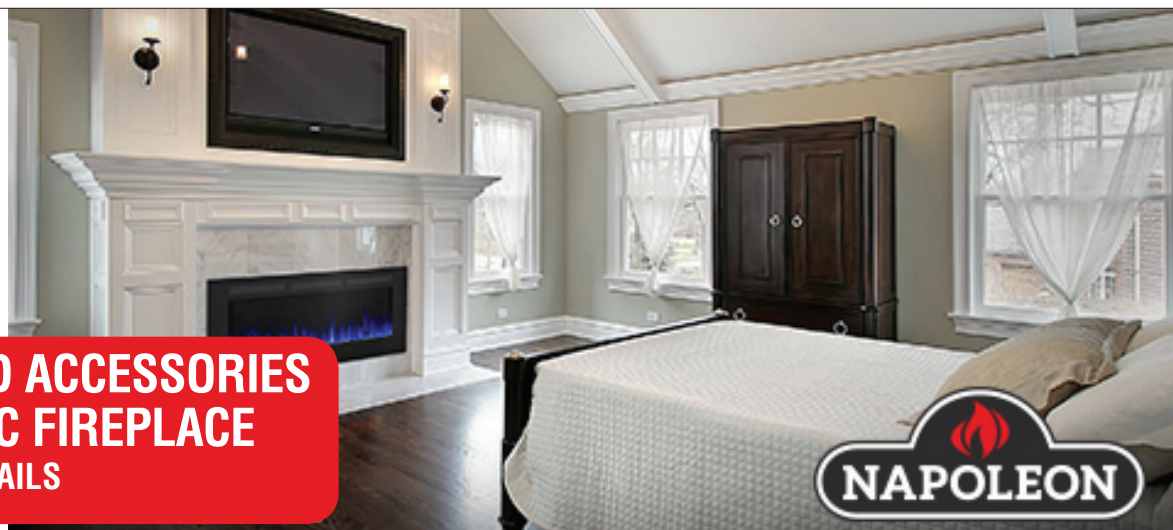
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Highlands East makes inaugural meeting a community affair

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Surrounded by community members, municipal staff and rows of students from Wilberforce Elementary School, the Highlands East 2018-2022 council was sworn into office on Dec. 6.

Students singing "O Canada" opened the inaugural meeting, held at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre, after which Councillors Ruth Strong, Ward 4; Cec Ryall, Ward 3; Suzanne Partridge, Ward 2; Cam McKenzie, Ward 1; and Mayor Dave Burton read their oath of office.

Councillor Ruth Strong is the new face to the council, winning the Ward 4 seat after the previous term's councillor Joan Barton opted not to run again.

Burton, reelected for his fourth term, assumed the chain of office from Shannon Hunter, chief administrative officer. He said he was elated to see the Wilberforce students in attendance to learn about the democratic process, and thanked constituents as well as his family for their support. He also warned of the danger of social media in misconstruing information, as he said he saw numerous untruths online related to the short-term accommodation issue in the municipality.

"We have weathered the short-term accommodation storm, however, many unresolved items remain," he said, before saying incorrect information on social media can create a divide in the municipality. "Stating this, we have a responsibility to all of our residents and collectively we will provide a resolution that will meet everyone's needs."

Burton said he had an ambitious outline for the next four years, which he referred to as "the years of change and together we can." He listed tasks that include a union classification review, an organizational review as identified in the municipal strategic plan, enhancing and providing services that promote recycling and reusing throughout the landfills, further work on creating Herlihey Park, a service delivery review and housing initiatives. He also noted a facilities review, which will include a five- to 10-year plan complete with operational costs, recommendations for cost savings and an updated energy audit.

In his opening remarks, McKenzie touched on advisory committees, which he said have been productive in the municipality, and that they are a "window of opportunity" for residents to give direct input to council. He also spoke to bylaw enforcement, which he said he heard a lot about while knocking on doors during campaigning.

"Either we don't have the right bylaws in place, or we're not enforcing them effectively," he said. "I believe that's going to be addressed with a new council early in the term."

McKenzie, like the rest of council, welcomed constituents to reach out to him.

"I can't promise to fix every concern or issue that you might bring to me, but I will promise to listen."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said she was overwhelmed by the support she received during the election.

"I really hope I can live up to the expectations and continue to provide strong representation for not just Ward 2 but all of Highlands East," she said. She also spoke to the importance of advisory committees, which she noted have a member from different communities in the municipality.

"...I think we're really moving in the right direction to pull the whole municipality together, and losing the mentality of the individual communities," she said.

Ryall, returning for his third term, accredited his acclamation to the people of Glamorgan, and praised outgoing councillor Joan Barton to applause from the gathered crowd. He made note of Glamorgan lake associations which he said have provided him with insight into



Highlands East chief administrative officer/treasurer Shannon Hunter arranges the chain of office on Dave Burton, newly reelected as mayor. Burton was elected to his fourth term in October.
/SUE TIFFIN Staff



The Highlands East 2018-2022 council was sworn in on Dec. 6. From left, Councillor Ruth Strong, Ward 4; Councillor Cec Ryall, Ward 3; Mayor Dave Burton, Councillor Suzanne Partridge, Ward 2; and Councillor Cam McKenzie, Ward 1. In a council meeting later that day, Ryall was elected as deputy mayor.

what is important to the seasonal people in the region, and also the strong volunteer bases in both Gooderham and Irondale, saying it is important to offer them support to keep community spirit growing.

"Most importantly, Glamorgan has many committed, knowledgeable and outspoken people," he said. "Fortunately I have several of them who are not afraid to tell me what I need to hear and don't hold anything back. So, when I found out that I was acclaimed, I was both surprised and grateful. I realized that those outspoken people, who have been solid representatives on this council, have trusted me to represent them for a third term. A

trust that I take very seriously."

Strong told the crowd watching the proceedings that she found it very gratifying that so many are interested in the operations of the municipality.

"I will do my best to work with you all to make Highlands East a place we can all enjoy," she said. "I'm here to work in your best interests and am certainly open to suggestions."

Reverend David Watson offered a reflection, and a luncheon was held with the help of the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary.

Ryall named deputy mayor of Highlands East

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Dec. 6 meeting of Highlands East council.

Councillor Cec Ryall was elected to the deputy mayor position after being nominated by Councillor Cam McKenzie, and given a vote of support from Mayor Dave Burton. Councillor Suzanne Partridge, who has held the position since 2010, was also nominated for the role by incoming Councillor Ruth Strong. With McKenzie and Ryall voting for Ryall, and Strong and Partridge voting for Partridge, Burton broke the tie in the in-council election.

Short-term accommodation committee scrapped

A possible short-term accommodation committee received 28 applications for membership, with 12 being from the same area and 15 of the applications having rentals. In an address to council after a closed session, Mayor Dave Burton read from a statement: "[A]dvisory committees are governed by our procedural bylaw and legislated to follow the municipal conflict. A direct pecuniary interest is one that expressly or unequivocally has an impact on the individual members' finances, economic prospects or property value. The impact may be positive (i.e. The member stands to gain financial) or negative (i.e. The member is able to avoid a loss)."

Based on that information, Burton said the municipality would not be proceeding with a short-term accommodation committee.

"This issue has been very [contentious] and provided a divide in our beautiful municipality," he read. "Council as a whole feel that we need more information before we are in a position to decide on what short-term accommodation approach best suits the municipality of Highlands East."

Council plans to communicate with the entire municipality by seeking input from all Highlands East residents, possibly through a survey with results being made public.

"We have an obligation to all those individuals that are affected by problem rentals," read Burton.

He said council will "beef up" bylaw enforcement, hire a septic inspector to follow up on the municipality's

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New council meets

Dysart council chambers was crowded with people who came to welcome the new council at their inauguration ceremony on Dec. 3. Back row from left, councillors John Smith, Larry Clarke, Tammy Donaldson, Nancy Wood-Roberts and Walt McKechnie. Front row from left, Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy and Mayor Andrea Roberts. The new members of council spoke about trust and respect, working together for the community, honouring voters, thanked loved ones and remembered the previous term's council members. "The future is bright," Roberts said.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Funding to help with increased police, public health, bylaw enforcement needs

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Rogers, Highlands East clerk.

The first \$15 million would be broken down into \$5,000 increments, based on a per household basis, to each municipality to assist with the planning of legalization activities.

The second \$15 million payment will be distributed to municipalities who have opted in or out, with those who have opted in receiving at least \$5,000 to support initial costs related to hosting retail stores, and those who have opted out receiving the basic amount of \$5,000.

"The final payment of \$10 million will be prioritized and distributed to those municipalities which have opted in, assisting with unforeseen circumstances related to the legalization of recreational cannabis," said Rogers in her report.

She said the province will also provide 50 per cent of surplus funds if the province's portion of the federal excise duty

exceeds \$100 million over the first two years of recreational cannabis being legalized.

"The lower tier and upper tier municipality's calculation will be a 50/50 split, with the calculation being on household numbers divided between the lower and upper tier," she wrote.

Funding is intended to help with specific costs that include increased police, public health and bylaw enforcement, increase to public inquiries, paramedic services, fire services and bylaw and policy development.

"What's before us right now is whether or not we want a retail store in our municipality or not," said Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer. "It has nothing to do with whether cannabis is legalized or not."

Councillor Cam McKenzie requested a recorded vote and was the sole no vote with other councillors and Mayor Dave Burton voting yes.

As reported last week, the health unit has discussed considerations regarding marijuana retail stores – including distance between shops and sensitive loca-

tions that include schools – with county council. The Ontario Alcohol and Gaming Commission will regulate licences for retail operations.

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Business group recognizes community contributions

Craig McDonald is this year's recipient of the Community Recognition Award, given by the Algonquin Gateway Business Association at its annual general meeting at the Wilberforce Legion on Nov. 29.

McDonald, the owner of Wilberforce Foodland, was chosen because of his commitment to charity and helping the community.

"Craig is a real community person," said Owen Trefry, president of the business association, in a press release. "He is always willing to sponsor local sports such as children's baseball teams. He also supports local charities such as the food bank. He is a strong advocate of promoting local business and buying locally."

This past fall, McDonald offered the association upgraded advertising signage at Foodland. Spots were sold to members with proceeds going to charity. Nearly \$7,000 was raised to be donated over a two-year period.

Runners up for this year's Community Recognition Award included Roberta Walsh of the Bostonian Motel, Rob Watson and Karen Warner of 13 Oaks Firewood, and Ann Corrigan of Harcourt Park Marina.

Walsh is an organizer of the Santa Claus Parade and the family party at Lloyd Watson Centre afterward. Gifts are given to every child younger than 10.

Watson and Warner have donated logs and use of their wood processor to the Haliburton County Heat Bank over the years, which has been appreciated by the charity.

Corrigan helped to develop and launch the Buy Close By campaign. "Her efforts in bringing attention to buying locally will benefit the AGBA community as well as the community at large for years to come," the press release states.

-Staff

Education package for renters to come

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septic maintenance program, meet with the OPP to discuss noise issues, and that an education package for renters would be produced.

"We thank everyone that has taken his or her time regarding this topic," said Burton.

Appointments to committees

In a closed session at council, the following appointments to advisory committees were made:

Trails and Outdoor Recreation: Cam McKenzie, councillor; Dale McCrea, Peter Wood, Barry Lord, Gerald Daviau, Mary Barker

Housing and Grants: Ruth Strong, councillor; George Denny, Kathleen Rogers

Economic Development and Business: Cec Ryall, councillor; David O'Brien, Bill Dodds, Barbara Kraus, Nataly Mylan, Ann Corrigan

Recreation and Culture: Cam McKenzie, councillor; Marilyn Wooster, Carol Williams, Barbara Haley-Marsh, Joanne Burroughs, Denise White, Karen Polhamus

Environment: Suzanne Partridge, councillor; Mike March, Roger Williams, Nancy Wright-Laking, Andrew von Zuben, Jim Sangster

Haliburton Land Division: Craig Pettit

Committee of Adjustment: Laurie Devolin, chief building official; Tracy Millar, secretary; Ken Nobles, public member; Craig Pettit, public member; Dale Shannick, public member

Municipal appointment, Crowe Valley conservation authority: Suzanne Partridge, councillor

Municipal appointment, Upper Trent Water partnership council: Suzanne Partridge, councillor

Harvest Haliburton: Suzanne Partridge, councillor

Haliburton County Transit Taskforce: Cec Ryall, councillor

Municipal appointment, Kawartha-Haliburton source protection authority: Cam McKenzie, councillor

Municipal appointment, Otonabee-Peterborough source protection authority: Cam McKenzie, councillor

Municipal appointment, Dog Pound Board: Cec Ryall, councillor

Municipal appointment, Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance: Cam McKenzie, councillor

Gooderham office renovations project awarded

Two bids were received in response to the tender for the Gooderham building department office renovations, released on Nov. 5 and closed on Nov. 26. The municipality had allocated \$25,000 in the 2018 budget for the project, but both bid amounts were over the budgeted amount. One, from James Baldry, was in the amount of \$45,991, and one, from Jay Moore & Darren Wright, came in at \$57,234, both with HST included.

Laurie Devolin, chief building officer, said the difference in price was due to the cost of the materials being used to complete the project.

Council agreed to accept the tender from James Baldry in the amount of \$45,991 (including HST). The project will be funded using \$35,000 from reserves, in which \$25,000 was transferred last year for future renovation costs, and \$10,000 was budgeted for a new filing system, and through additional revenue brought in by the building department in 2018, in which \$90,000 was budgeted and \$128,123 has been generated to date.

Christmas coming early

Municipal employees can spend the day of Christmas Eve as they please next year after council, by the suggestion of Councillor Ruth Strong, scheduled a Christmas closure that will start from end of business Dec. 23, 2019 to January 2, 2020 at 9 a.m., rather than from end of business Dec. 24.

"I would recommend Dec. 23, I've worked many Christmas Eves and it's not fun," said Strong.

A new year of council

The first Highlands East council meeting of the new year will be held on January 16, 2019.

Craig McDonald of Wilberforce Foodland was given the Community Recognition Award by the Algonquin Gateway Business Association in November. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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Advisory Committee as well as on the board of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council.

"She is a [retired] lawyer and has brought a reasoned and passionate approach to the ongoing development of sound public policing of our region," Gerstl said.

Lilius has worked on environmental issues in the county for the last four decades.

"Eric's commitment has been instrumental to the introduction of improved waste management and recycling in the county," she said.

He was a founding member of County of Haliburton Advocates or Agents for a Naturally Good Environment, which managed and financed the first recycling bin in the county at the Dysart landfill and ran a campaign to stop roadside herbicide spraying, the couple told the *Echo* in an email.

Both Coburn and Lilius were part of the County Advisory Committee for the Environment from 1998 to 2002 and have worked with Environment Haliburton! since it was incorporated in 2003.

"I think we have an obligation to put our energy into what we think is most important. Clean water to drink, clean air to breathe, and healthy soil for growing nutritious food, are foundational. All the rights in the world mean nothing without them. Once one has truly taken this to heart, one cannot not care about the state of the natural environment; one is obliged to work for its protection," Coburn said via email. "I appreciate the recognition from the land trust. At the same time I acknowledge that there are many individuals in the county working in various ways to protect the natural environment."

Lilius said the couple had been connected to the land trust since its inception.

"We have a long relationship with the land trust. I like to say 'before it was a gleam in Ian Daniel's eye.' Members of EH! support and collaborate with the land trust on many of their projects and events," Lilius said. "Carolynn dug out some CACE [County Advisory Committee for the Environment] files tonight. In there, we unearthed a large highly informative broadsheet from climatechange.gc.ca telling us 'It's Time to Act.' It's from 1999 and full of the same information that is relevant today. That website no longer exists and the federal government does not display the resolve of 20 years ago. The provincial government is very clearly establishing that its environmental interests are not For the People but clearly and astoundingly corporate."

Carmount, who was unable to attend the ceremony as he is now studying at the University of Toronto, was vice president of student council, working on the recycling program at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. He was part of the school's eco-team and worked to establish the community garden at Nature's Place in Minden. He helped produce a video on sustainable gardening and was also on the Algonquin Highlands environment committee for two years.

In an email sent to the land trust, Carmount said: "As I move forward in my life's endeavour to be part of the solution to our global climate [and] environmental problems, I will always remember my convictions began in Haliburton and the influence of those who recognized me."

Gerstl thanked several other people during the presentation, which coincided with the land trust's open house and included much conversation and snacking.

She noted the work of biologist Paul Heaven who has worked for years with the land trust.

"Paul never tires (or at least he does not show it) of the ever-changing board who often have little background in biodiversity [and] species at risk and goes out of his way to help in our education," she said. He has worked on the turtle migration project and the bats at risk project.

Peter Brogden, who has worked for many years on trail development in Algonquin Highlands, was thanked for his recent donation of securities, which when sold will increase the stewardship fund by about \$6,000.

"This is a significant donation and one that will help the land trust continue our never ending responsibility to maintain and protect all of our properties," Gerstl said.



The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust announced its 2018 Enviro-Heroes at an open house on Thursday, Dec. 6. This year's Enviro-Heroes were Carolynn Coburn, Eric Lilius and Andrew Carmount. Peter Brogden was recognized for a recent donation of securities and biologist Paul Heaven was thanked for his ongoing service to the organization. From left, Lilius, Coburn, Brogden, land trust board chairwoman Mary Lou Gerstl, and Heaven following the presentation at the office on Mountain Street in Haliburton. /JENN WATT Staff

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Loss and the holidays

I FOUND MYSELF tearing up over a pomegranate the other night. As I wrestled with the fruit, first trying to scoop the red seeds out with a spoon and then giving up and using my fingers, covering the counter, cupboards and toaster oven in juice, I couldn't help thinking that my mom probably would have liked pomegranates. She probably did – I can't remember.

And just like that I found myself crying over a pomegranate.

My mother died when I was a teenager and grief has been a shifting experience for me over the last two decades since she first got sick.

There have been times when I wouldn't have named it grief; it manifested as steamy anger in my late teens and early 20s, followed by feelings of deep emptiness.

Later, it dulled for periods only to flood back unexpectedly.

Where grief appeared most reliably over the years was during the holidays. I remember the first Thanksgiving after my mother's death we all sat around the table unsure of what to say to one another. Her absence was so conspicuous and our lives felt so empty that we largely avoided eye contact. When my father made a toast to her before we began to eat, I was so upset I could hardly stomach the feast in front of me.

Christmases, birthdays and Thanksgivings thereafter have included a new painful edge. Traditions continue as usual, but they

aren't the same.

In our family, we struggled through without reaching out for help. I don't think it occurred to any of us that there might be anyone who knew our pain or could help in any real way. It took me many years to find ways through the sadness.

What made things better was talking. Talking to friends, family, therapists – sometimes just acquaintances. It sounds obvious, but when you're in the middle of it, the obvious is sometimes the furthest thing from your mind.

I also remember simple kindnesses that melted my heart and softened my suffering a little bit. A warm pumpkin pie dropped off by a neighbour or a Christmas card with a favourite memory of my mother.

The holidays are a beautiful time of year full of hope, love and giving. It can also be

incredibly hard. In my experience, the best way to make it through is to reach out even when it's difficult – whether that's to assist someone in loss or to let your friends and family know you need a little extra help.

And let yourself cry even when it seems ridiculous. As I ate those sweet, juicy pomegranate seeds I imagined I was eating them for my mom. I thought about how she would enjoy the tartness, the unexpected mess in the kitchen, and trying to convince my sugar-loving dad to "just try it once!"

Yes, I think my mom loved pomegranates. I'm sure that she did.



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Editorial



Leaf in snow

by Darren Lum

What a year it has been

IF YOU missed Women's Shopping Night last week, you missed a great evening of shopping and entertainment hosted by downtown Haliburton! There were amazing sales and free giveaways, refreshments and yummy treats, and new this year were five draws for a \$100 Foodland gift card. The festive holiday mood was set by our BMO Christmas Angels who served free hot chocolate and gave out free shopping bags. Our Christmas Elves (Laurie, Kate and David) strolled the street and businesses singing wonderful Christmas carols. Thanks to Bernsteins General Store and The Rotary Club for the advertising display in Foodland. Thanks to everyone who attended and made this event so great.

Early on Friday morning the Foodland gift card winners were notified and two advised me that they wanted to donate their gift cards to the food bank. This is the Christmas spirit and I am so thankful to live in a community that cares about, and includes everyone, in the wonder of Christmas.

Reflecting on 2018, we can all say that this past year has been a busy and prosperous one for downtown Haliburton.

We are proud of the unique contribution of each of our 120 member businesses. Many think downtown Haliburton is just retail and restaurants, but we are way more than that! Check out our website at downtownhaliburton.ca for a detailed list of our membership.

Our downtown Haliburton Business Association mandate is to pro-

mote and support all of our member businesses. We are proud of the many events we host and the many partners we work with to achieve our mandate. Thank you to the Municipality of Dysart et al, the Haliburton and District Chamber of Commerce, the Haliburton and District Lions Club, and the Rotary Club of Haliburton for your enthusiasm in working with us.

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As this is my last article for 2018, I must personally thank the downtown Haliburton board of management for their volunteer time. Time is a commodity that you can never get back. This group of dedicated business people invest in the direction of our vibrant downtown and it is truly appreciated and priceless. I am grateful for their wisdom, patience, and leadership.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Confessions of a pot head

LAST WEEK, I went to get the mail and discovered there was a parcel there for me. And, on the way out the door I ran into someone who noticed I was perhaps a little too happy, which caused that person to ask why.

This prompted me to hold up the parcel and respond, "I finally got my pot! I got my pot in the mail!"

Frankly, I had every reason to be excited. I ordered it online and I was not exactly confident that the one-litre stainless steel camping pot with folding handle that I paid for would ever show up.

But it did.

The person I spoke to then said, "You are a pot head? I guess that explains your columns, huh?"

I nodded enthusiastically.

It certainly explains some of the columns I write on camping at least.

A lot of people don't know this but I became a pothead at an early age. The first time was when my brother, a friend and I went on a backpacking trip. On the first evening, just before dinner, I thought I'd make them laugh by walking into the campfire circle with a four-litre pot on my head. Trust me, it looked hilarious.

Unfortunately, the pot fit a little more snugly than I would have hoped for and, once on, there was also the suction component to deal with.

This wouldn't have been a big deal had we brought a second cooking pot. But, sadly, those guys were too inexperienced



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to foresee that this kind of thing routinely happens on camping trips.

That's why we soon had to get creative to dislodge my head from that pot.

It turned out a litre of vegetable oil wasn't able to penetrate enough to make the removal of that pot a possibility. On the other hand, it sure was funny watching mosquitoes land on me and slide off.

Things got a little more serious when my brother picked up the camp axe and said, "I think this is going to be the only way to get your head out of that pot. Place your head on that stump."

"I don't think beheading is a reasonable option," I began.

"Beheading? Hmm, never thought of that," he said. "But let's not rule that out if this continues into breakfast."

It turned out he had a more reasonable idea. He just wanted to smack the pot a few times with the blunt end of the axe to "loosen it up."

It seemed like good idea at the time, especially since it began raining heavily and the noise was driving me nuts.

Nevertheless, we vetoed the idea as soon as we realized it could lead to an even worse disaster.

Our friend Glen pointed it out when he said, "That pot cost me almost \$10 and if you wreck it you guys will have to buy me a new one."

Despite this, we did have to buy Glen a new pot although I still maintain the firefighter that finally extricated me from it should have paid for at least half.

In the end, I did pay for it and I think Glen was a bit embarrassed by that too.

I remember knocking on his door and giving the \$10 to his mother.

"What's this for?" she said

"I owe Glen for the pot," I said.

He never hung out with me again.



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past shows some of the students from the Kennaway School at Harcourt in 1934. From left, Shirley Baker, baby Marlene Redgrave, Beech Baker, Meryl Bakers, Marion Redgrave and Morris Baker. Miss Howell was the teacher at that time and she resided at Gerry and Lena Cox's on the Kennaway Road. /From the Echo archives

letters to the editor

The life and times of Haliburton

To the Editor,

This is the first in a two-part letter about Haliburton in the 1950s.

Our family, Hugh and Edna Burke, myself and my twin sisters, lived down an alley off Lake Avenue in a house two doors west of Lake overlooking Highway 21 and the rail track along the south end of Head Lake. Behind us, lived Bill Davis with his grandparents; we played together as tots. Beside us lived Mr. Joe and Mrs. Flo Roberts; Flo didn't have to change her last name when they married - she was already a Roberts.

Apparently, Mr. Joe Roberts was a "real" earl from the "Old Country." Flo Roberts is said to have been the first born among the pioneer settlements in Harburn; she came from the large family of Curly Bill Roberts. Her brother Norm owned the General Store at the present-day site of the Commerce Bank, across from the Molou. Across the street, the Hardware Store operated for many years, now the site of the present-day Home Hardware; Harold Black was proprietor.

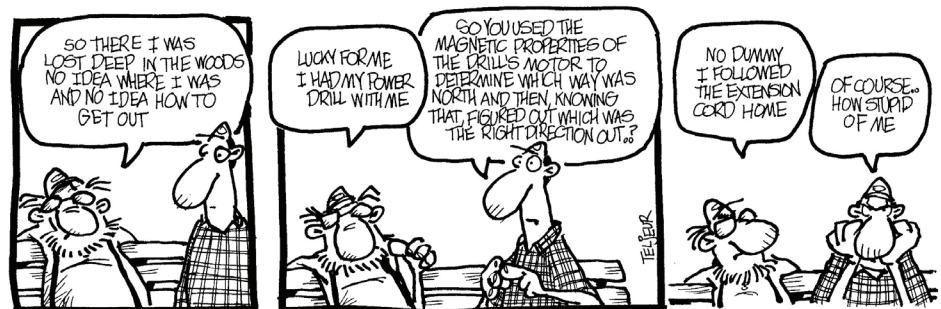
On a given Saturday night, you could almost count on two things, Arnot Roberts with his pipe and Art Parish from his sawmill from on the Parish Line standing in front of Norm's at the cor-

ner of Maple Avenue and Highland, chatting about just about anything. Crops were a hot topic, concern over a potato bug, or perhaps some far-fetched yarn. My dad, meanwhile, was proprietor of the Haliburton Restaurant, (now a pizza place across from the Kosy); he had to borrow \$500 from Arnot to get his start in the business. Dad had hoped to raise his prices, but he couldn't when wartime price controls came into effect.

Arnot Roberts, a font of wisdom and advice, was one of many patriarchs; it was he to whom one went to for information about such things as property lines and anything about farming, crops, horses, oxen, cows, chickens to how to discourage crows from destroying your vegetable garden or how to fix foxes and skunks so they won't get your chickens. He had an excellent memory; sometimes when there was a real estate dispute, folks would tap into his memory to learn how things were agreed upon a long time ago in the time when contracts were concluded with nothing more than a handshake or property lines which were often neither surveyed nor registered. Often nothing was written down because so many people could neither read nor write. One young man traded his free (100-acre) land-grant with nothing more than a handshake, \$50 and a horse.

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Cars and horses shared the main street

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Arnot's two daughters (Leda and Marie) worked as waitresses at the Kosy for over 40 years. Staff often stayed on for a good number of years at both main restaurants in town.

In those days, virtually every Saturday, the menfolk brought their womenfolk and many of their offspring to town to buy sundry items such as mason jars, salt and sugar for preserving meat and fruits in a root cellar, and other necessities and to chat, gossip and converse with any number of people to catch up on the latest. Most everyone had gardens and grew their own vegetables, so veggies weren't often high on the list of items to buy. Folks would come from Maple Lake, West Guilford, Eagle Lake and far up the Parish Line, down Mountain Street, and those out toward Paradise Lake and down the Buckhorn or Dugans and others from farms along the route to Donald, Lochlin and Gelert. Many still rode horse and buggies and parked among the increasing number of cars on main street (angle parking then along both sides of the street).

Some of the horses were terrified of the noisy horseless carriages; it amused us younger kids to watch them carry on. All came to town to buy whatever supplies were needed for the coming week. A man's word was his bond; a deal was sealed with a handshake, often nothing more. Those who lived up the Harburn were probably the first families to come live in town permanently, especially after the Depression and the subsequent depressed prices they were getting for farm produce – eggs, for instance, apparently dropped to two-cents a dozen.

Ed Burke
Minden



Carollers serenaded shoppers during the Haliburton BIA's Women's Shopping Night on Thursday, Dec. 6. From left, Laurie Jones, Kate Butler and David Zilstra sing as the line-up of customers at V&S buys their items. /JENN WATT Staff

Women get shopping in Haliburton

JENN WATT

Editor

Eighteen downtown businesses stayed open late on Thursday, Dec. 6 for the BIA's Women's Shopping Night.

The street was bustling with shoppers, who hurried to visit as many stores as possible between 5 and 7 p.m.

For their part, store owners offered delicious treats, prizes, discounts and deals.

Staff were dressed up too. One woman wore candy-cane design glasses. Another was dressed as an elf.

A group of carollers belted out Christmas songs as they wandered down Highland Street just before 6 p.m., stopping at V&S to entertain the line of shoppers at the cash registers.

BIA administrator Cindy Campbell sent an email to member businesses, which called the shopping night an "amazing evening." She said there were 156 ballots cast for five \$100 Foodland gift cards. To

enter a ballot, the shopper had to attend several of the downtown businesses for a stamp on their shopping passport.

Volunteers from Bank of Montreal stood out in the cold at the Village Barn handing out hot chocolate and candy canes. They had a propane warming unit to help shoppers get warm.

Winners of the Foodland gift cards were Elinor Harrison, Teresa Boots, Vera Smith, Nel van der Grient and Cindy Trapp.

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As other heritage buildings ignored, Red Cross Outpost flourishes

JENN WATT

Editor

Each room of the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost has been arranged with care and attention with artifacts from a time before electricity, antibiotics, telephones or reliable transportation. The outpost brought a trained nurse to the people living in what was then a remote community and Wilberforce had the first one in Ontario.

That distinction is what earned the outpost the designation of a National Historic Site of Canada in 2003, officially marked with a plaque ceremony in 2006.

The outpost was leased to the Wilberforce Heritage Guild in 1991. The volunteers have worked since that time to promote it as a place of learning and a keeper of local knowledge. Highlands East owns the building and takes care of the costs of upkeep.

It's a system that has worked well.

"I think we've done a good job, actually," says Hilda Clark, one of the original guild members who is still actively involved with the outpost today. "Because we knew it was important in the life of this village and the people here."

The outpost stands as an example of how to care for a community's assets in light of a recent report from Canada's auditor general, who found examples of historic buildings left derelict across the country. Seventy per cent of the country's heritage sites are owned by Parks Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and National Defence. Successive audits have found some buildings have not been cared for.

"This audit is important because there are long-standing problems in the conservation of federal heritage properties, with few improvements since our first audit in 2003. Past efforts to conserve federal heritage properties have not kept up with needs, yet the number of federal heritage buildings continues to grow. This means that the loss of valuable heritage properties will likely increase," the auditor general's report states.

Their study took them to 47 buildings across four provinces where they found an equal number of buildings in poor condition as in good condition. "Some buildings had crumbling bricks, no roofs, and graffiti, and some were in danger of collapse," the report states.

At the outpost, when the building is in need of repair, the municipality pays for it.

That leaves guild members responsible for gathering donations to fund a summer staff member to assist with tours and programming as well as money for other acquisitions. Frequently, items are dropped off for free — one of the reasons the outpost has an extensive bedpan



Hilda Clark, a founding member of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild and a regular volunteer at the Red Cross Outpost, shows the authentic baby scales in the front room of the Wilberforce-based museum. /JENN WATT Staff

collection.

Money is raised primarily through the annual quilt raffle and the craft sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre. And there's a donation jar in the front lobby.

Barb Schofield, a board member with the guild, said one of the challenges they face is not having enough space for all of the donations.

"It's simply: where would they go?" she said in an interview. Members of the guild are putting their energy into compiling local stories and interviewing citizens in hopes of posting the information online, where space is not as limited. She has a particular interest in documenting the story of buildings.

The history of the outpost itself is close to Schofield's heart. Her great-uncle, Alfred Schofield, was instrumental in the creation of the outpost. He was an inspector for the Children's Aid Society and was greatly concerned by the lack of medical services in the Wilberforce area. According to information from the outpost, the Canadian Red Cross, Ontario division was contacted to assist and they said they'd send a nurse and equipment if a building and furnishings were provided.

The family connection is what led Barb Schofield to the heritage guild when she moved back to the Highlands after spending many years in the Toronto area working.

Aside from documenting history for the region, she said the outpost is important to the cultural life of Highlands East.

"It's getting people out to socialize," she said, noting the summer tea, Canada Day celebration, and corn roast, which all bring people together to meet their neighbours and enjoy life.

"People are so busy in their lives today," she said, this gives them a chance to come together for a few hours and have fun.

To keep the space dynamic and interesting, heritage guild members will organize exhibits. There was one on aprons. Another on commodes and bedpans. Currently, visitors can peruse cookbooks from eras past.

"I like the idea of going right back to the history of recipes. I started out with the idea of local charity cookbooks," Schofield said.

The exhibit includes a history of cookbooks "from Ancient Egypt to Fannie Farmer," the display board reads. Under glass, there is an array of old books and implements such as a butter paddle and press, a cookbook produced by the Monmouth Figure Skating Club, a juice set and a thick volume of Twentieth Century Home Cook Book from 1905.

The display gives context to the time when nurses would have set out to work at the outpost.

Clark said they would have been young, single women. The first was Josephine Jackson, who arrived in 1922.

Many items the nurses worked with have been preserved, such as the baby scale in the front examination room and the maternity kit. Those artifacts are surrounded by other pieces of local history so the outpost is not just preserving the history of nursing, but of early European settlement.

A lamp that hung in the waiting room of the Tory Hill station occupies a place of prominence on one table display. Upstairs, a former bedroom is now occupied with

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Communities decide which buildings are meaningful

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minute books and flags from the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1114 Wilberforce, including a large marching band drum. The minutes, bound in a hardcover book, each page filled with delicate practiced handwriting, is dated 1891 and credited to a Mr. Gibson.

Adele Espina, a local historian who has done work with the Wilberforce Heritage Guild and in the outpost, said the building has been well maintained and cared for by the municipality and volunteers.

"I think if you were to choose a building in that area that represents the history of the community, the outpost would be it," she said.

"You always have churches and schools that represent common interests of the community, but this little hospital ... out in the country, the first one in Ontario, really represents ... the lives of the community. They were all touched in some way by the hospital."

Perhaps one of the secrets to success for maintaining heritage buildings comes from the partnership between the municipality and the community itself. The outpost was transformed into a museum because in the early 1990s, a group of people came together to do so – meeting at the municipal office on the first day of spring in 1991. It snowed all day, but they still had 30 people come to express their interest.

"The community would decide really what is historic or what is a heritage site," Espina said. "The one definition I've heard to describe something that is historic is that it's old and it's also worth the trouble.... Which is at its very root why some places are saved and others aren't."



Over the years, the museum has acquired an impressive collection of artifacts from nearly 100 years ago. Nurses stationed at the outpost were often first responders to medical calls after the service began in 1922.

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County councillors get glimpse of transportation plan

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors received a report during a Nov. 28 meeting regarding the transportation implementation plan it hired firm IBI Group to complete for the municipality.

A finalized, detailed plan will be presented to the new county council by reps from the firm in the new year.

"They have agreed that a request-based system is the system of choice for the

County of Haliburton," county planner Charley White told councillors.

A request-based system would include a shared ride service with trips booked ahead by users, as opposed to a fixed-route system, such as a traditional city bus system one would see in larger centres.

A request-based system allows flexibility in dealing with the needs of a dispersed population in a large geographical area, and can adapt to community needs that may change based on the day of the week or time of the year, the report indicates.

It is the firm's recommendation that the operation of the system be contracted out, with a service co-ordinator to book and schedule rides hired directly by the municipality.

As for cost, the report contains an estimate of approximately \$182,500 a year (excluding the cost of the county employee), however, that estimate may be conservative.

The firm contacted a local provider who estimated the cost of running a service at \$60 per hour, and indicated the service should run at least 10 hours a day, six days a week, for a total of 3,040 hours per year.

It recommends that fares be zone-based and in the \$3 to \$4 range for people travelling within the same community – say from the outskirts of Haliburton Village into town and back – and in the \$8 to \$9 range for those travelling between communities in the county. The average fare in the report is pegged at \$7.

"Sixty dollars, to me, seems incredibly low," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt in regard to the hourly operating cost.

White said that some similar systems in similar communities run in the \$87 to \$90 an hour range.

At \$87 an hour, the cost for the service would increase to approximately \$265,000 per annum, nearly \$275,000 at \$90 per hour.

Municipalities can access provincial funding, including the use of gas tax dollars, to help cover the costs of transit, and the firm is also recommending the municipality attempt to use advertising dollars to help offset expenses.

Moffatt said use of the system would not be equal throughout the county's four lower-tier townships, and indicated that thought should be given to how funding allotments would work.

She indicated that perhaps it would make sense for Algonquin Highlands to poll its residents to see how many would even use a service travelling to Minden or Haliburton Village, since many Algonquin Highlands residents are more likely to travel to Huntsville or Bracebridge.

White said that people could use the system simply to get from outside of Dorset, into Dorset and back home.

"It doesn't mean they have to come to Minden, it doesn't mean they have to come to Haliburton," she said.

Councillors also indicated some concern about who would be given priority under such a model – people trying to get to work and back, seniors visiting friends, etc.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he'd like to see the county's transportation task force, which has been meeting for two years, included in the creation of the system and said that it needs to be made clear that there is already some existing specialized transit operating within the county, such as for medical appointments.

Councillors' feedback will be directed to the firm.



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McKecks owners hope donations continue for youth hub

JENN WATT
Editor

Aaron Walker wants to see the community turn its focus to funding the new Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub, which is undergoing renovations in the former Lighthouse church on Dysart Avenue in Haliburton.

The space is much-needed by youth and Walker, who owns McKecks Tap and Grill with his wife Melissa Walker, said he'd like to see people helping out where they can.

A concert by The Emburys at McKecks in November raised \$250 for the youth hub, which the restaurant matched to donate \$500.

"It's exciting to have in this community," Walker said at a cheque presentation at the new space on Dec. 5.

"In a conversation that I had with Marg Cox [executive director of Point in Time, which is a lead on the project] a couple of months ago, I learned about the youth hub and that it would be in need of funding as things progress so I thought that it would be great to leverage events at McKecks to support this just as historically we have supported minor hockey and youth in the community," he said in a press release.

Although funding has come in from the province as well as through Haliburton County Development Corporation to pay for the operation and staffing, money is



McKecks owners Aaron and Melissa Walker visited the new Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub on Wednesday, Dec. 5 to deliver a \$500 donation gathered during The Emburys concert at the restaurant in November. The concert raised \$250, which was matched by McKecks. From left, Aaron Walker; Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents; Stephanie McLaren, VP community programs at HHHS; and Melissa Walker. /JENN WATT Staff

still needed to renovate the space.

Cox said members of the public can visit pointintime.ca/gift-registry to give to the project. Money will go to whatever

is the most pressing need at the moment.

Those working on the youth hub are grieving the death of Peter Fearrey, who was managing the renovation and doing

the hands-on work at the space. Fearrey had recently retired from HHHS and was a key member of the team.



Charities benefit from Carl Dixon Christmas

Carl Dixon, left, and Charlie Davis sing Christmas tunes at McKecks Tap and Grill on Thursday, Dec. 6 in Haliburton as part of the annual fundraiser Carl Dixon Christmas. Donations came in for the 4Cs food bank and Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary. /JENN WATT Staff

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Make Dreams Come True ends year giving

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

'Tis the season for giving. A foursome of women were embodying the spirit of Christmas giving and tailoring formal ensembles for boys and girls on Saturday, Dec. 1 for the semi-formal this past weekend, as part of Make Dreams Come True.

Make Dreams Come True is a community initiative going strong for close to five years. It provides youth from Grade 8 to 12 an opportunity to get dressed up formally for no cost, whether it's a semi-formal, prom or graduation.

On Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Castle Antique's attic in Haliburton, Make Dreams Come True founders Jenn Abbott and Nancy Lowes, and their volunteer seamstresses, Shannon McCracken and Leslie Brown helped the youth get outfitted with shoes, purses, dresses, suits and ties.

Abbott doesn't mind the many hours she and her group puts in to make it all happen.

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it to see the joy [on their faces]," she said.

They don't have mirrors in the attic of Castle Antiques to encourage the participants to come out of the dressing area and show them their ensemble, which also included costume jewelry, fake eyelashes and makeup. Besides the public, the local businesses have also donated items.

Make Dreams Come True offers a service more complete than any mall could provide, McCracken said.

"They get treated to everything. If they go into a mall and they find a dress and it doesn't fit them perfectly, [then] too

bad. They either buy it or they don't. They take it home and try and wear it or not. We alter it. We make it fit them. We hook them up with some jewelry, with some shoes [gifts, donations] ... makeup. We had photography sessions [in the spring]," she said. "It's not just the night of the event. It's the whole planning preparation. It makes them feel special."

This is the first time Make Dreams Come True offered their service in December long before the spring when students are looking to find clothing for prom and graduation.

Abbott said with so much clothing available, it made sense to open the attic door this month to help last-minute shoppers looking for formal ensembles or pieces to complete looks for the semi-formal.

The attic was filled with 10 racks of clothes.

Sometimes the participants return the formal clothing after wearing it, keeping the clothing in circulation. Any articles that haven't been used for a while are donated to the 4Cs in Haliburton.

Lowes said offering access in December made sense.

"The turnout was so good the first year we just kept going," she said. "Now at least we've got a home."

The entire collection of clothing is permanently housed in the attic at Castle Antiques. It will remain so until the building sells.

The collection boasts an estimated 500 dresses.

Lowes is amazed at the generosity by the public, who have approached her and Abbott in public or had donations brought to their homes. Other drop-offs are Organic Times in Minden and Castle



Grade 10 Tyler McGovern receives help from Jenn Abbott, left, and Shannon McCracken to find formal clothing for a past semi-formal at Make Dreams Come True on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Castle Antiques. Make Dreams Come True is a community initiative that accepts formal clothing donations that then go to students from Grade 8 to 12 who are attending a formal event. /DARREN LUM Staff

Antiques in Haliburton.

Make Dreams Come True started as a one-day event to several days in the spring after March Break on Saturdays leading up to prom or graduation. Abbott points out this was due in large part to having to rent space. The cost was out of pocket for the organizers and prohibitive to have more than one day.

The word about Make Dreams Come True is spreading.

Abbott said more people are learning about what they're offering.

Over the years the stigma attached to getting the free clothing has diminished.

"It's people who want to come in and see what they can find," Lowes said.

For some of them, it is the first time they've worn a formal gown.

McCracken, a Grade 8 teacher, remembers having a class discussion about free clothing and could tell there had been an attitude shift. What was once considered something left for only people who didn't have money has evolved to a fun thing for friends to do together as an outing. The

organizers said it's also about giving formal attire new life instead of having a suit or gown languish in closets. The clothing donated is often new or in close to new condition. Some even have the manufacturer tags.

Living down the road from Castle Antiques, Grade 10 student Tyler McGovern made the short walk, beaming with a smile while wearing his new suit and tie.

He appreciated the help he got Saturday and recommends it to others.

"If you want a new suit or something you should come here," he said.

His other option was to go to a suit store in Oshawa, but the time and distance to get there was prohibitive.

McGovern, who learned about Make Dreams Come True at the high school, was excited about dressing nicely for his first formal dance and his girlfriend, who was going with him.

Getting dressed up for a special occasion adds to the experience.

"This will be fun because I'll have something nice to wear," he said.



From left, Nancy Lowes, Leslie Brown, Jenn Abbott and Shannon McCracken were more than happy to help boys and girls find formal clothing for a past semi-formal at Make Dreams Come True on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Castle Antiques.

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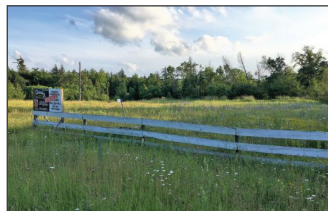
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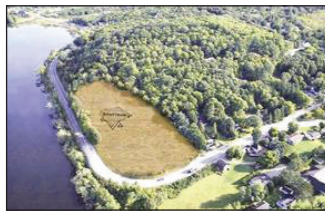
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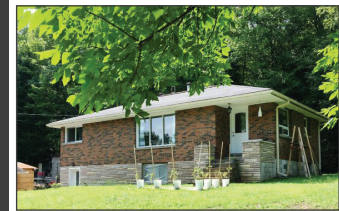
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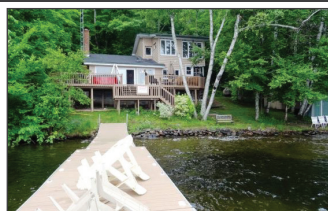
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A Highlands East holiday

A crowd filled with youngsters lined Loop Road as a parade with Santa Claus made its way from Wilberforce Elementary School to the Lloyd Watson Centre on Dec. 9.

Left: Santa Claus waved and called out to spectators cheering him on from the sidewalk.

Bottom right: Kids collected candy and gave smiles in return. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Tupper T. Turtle, GeoTour mascot, reminded parade-goers of the geocaching opportunity in the area.



The Highlands East Santa Claus parade had it all, from snowmobilers, musicians, and the Grinch, as it led the community to the Lloyd Watson Centre for a visit with Santa Claus. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Red Hawks dominate at home

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks volleyball junior and senior girls proved to be the queens of the court after hosting a pair of single A schools, the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary and the Bulldogs of Brock High School on Thursday, Dec. 6.

With a small crowd of peers and family watching, the Hawks' two squads combined to win 11 out of a possible 12 sets after two rally-point matches. This was the first competition for the Hawks.

It was a great start to the exhibition series of tournaments, which leads to league play.

With just three schools, there was an opportunity for best of three matches instead of the typical limit of two sets. It was a strong showcase of skills and composure for the juniors and seniors.

The juniors' lone loss of the day was a narrow 15-25 loss to the Titans. They won the match 2-1.

Senior Hawks coach Dan Gimon is optimistic about his team after seeing them play. He liked how they executed and acknowledged the Hawks power game advantage against the opponents, who lacked the personnel for an offence to employ spiking on a regular basis.

Gimon said focus is key to success, particularly against weaker teams.

"All teams tend to play down to the level of their opposition. We try and keep them at their level and maintain [it] and stay tough because we're going to come up against tougher teams," he said.

He adds the team continues to work and will improve.

His message to his players is to never be spectators and remain engaged.

"You have to be ready at all times and I think they came through," he said.

Serving was also a strong aspect for the seniors, who had stretches of powerful and precise serves, which resulted in difficult returns for their opponents.

He tells his players to focus on that first serve.

"Get the first serve in because you work hard to get that ball back and to put that ball into the net or out brings the whole team down. Get that first serve in and then start serving tough," he said.

Making a mistake on a serve also takes a player out of the serving rotation for four turns, he said.

This tournament also provides game experience, which not only informs his players about position and playing with others, but helps with confidence. The record was also indicative of the team's reserves, who he said "stepped up."



Red Hawks senior power player Dakota MacDonald passes the ball to her setter during an exhibition Kawartha High School League tournament on Thursday, Dec. 6 in Haliburton. The seniors and juniors combined to win 11 of 12 sets against the Brock High School Bulldogs and the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School. /DARREN LUM Staff

Getting playing experience is important for success later in the season.

"If you don't play them when it comes to crunch time somebody gets injured and then they don't know where to go," he said.

Against the Titans, the Hawks faced a strong net coverage team.

Gimon said the team responded well to the challenge and he ran set plays where the power player hit from behind the attack line.

He loved what he saw from his rookies and believes they will improve.

First year player and a middle hitter Rebecca Archibald has skills, but can still improve.

He has all the "confidence in the world" that her reads at the net will develop so she knows when to get up at the net and when to drop back.

Rookie setter Emma Casey started all 12 sets for the

seniors.

"There's a few little things we need to work on with her, but she did great. For six sets for a rookie setter in senior she did amazing," he said.

Starting setter Arden Harrop, who was dressed, was kept off the court for the competition for precautionary reasons due to rolling her ankle. Harrop has been practising, but wasn't game ready due to her aggressive style of play.

"She can't go half speed," he said.

Gimon didn't want to reaggregate the injury.

This week the team will play at Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute in Lindsay where they are expected to play St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, including stiffer competition with Fenelon Falls Secondary School, the Spartans of LCVI and I.E. Weldon.



Red Hawks senior power player Natalya Gimon spikes a ball.

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Hawks take flight


Red Hawks junior player Jordyn Nichols follows the ball off her arms with Haley Boylan looking on during an exhibition Kawartha High School League tournament on Thursday, Dec. 6 in Haliburton. The juniors were 2-1 against the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School and 3-0 against Brock High School. The seniors and juniors combined to win 11 of 12 sets against the Brock High School Bulldogs and the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School. / DARREN LUM Staff



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Red Hawks junior player Skye Lambshead serves.



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Golden performances for Coles and Graham

The HHSS wrestling team performed very well at the first regional tournament of the season. On Wednesday, Dec. 5, 15 wrestlers travelled to Peterborough to compete at the 18th annual Kenner Rams Wrestling Invitational. More than 200 athletes from schools in the COSSA region

attended the event. This was the first competition for several Red Hawks on the team, and they all showed great promise at the event. Each wrestler continued to improve with each match. Veteran wrestlers Aidan Coles and Nic Graham led the team by exam-

ple. Both senior wrestlers went undefeated in their respective weight classes and returned home as gold medallists. Congratulations to all wrestlers for posting great results. Gold medals were won by Aidan Coles, Nic Graham, Corin Gervais, Nick Phip-

pen, Eli Samson and Owen Wootton. Silver medals were won by Logan Heaven, Aiden Hill and Charlotte Paton. Bronze medals were won by Ethan Coles, Ben Pilcher and Brooklyn Spence.

Submitted by Paul Klose

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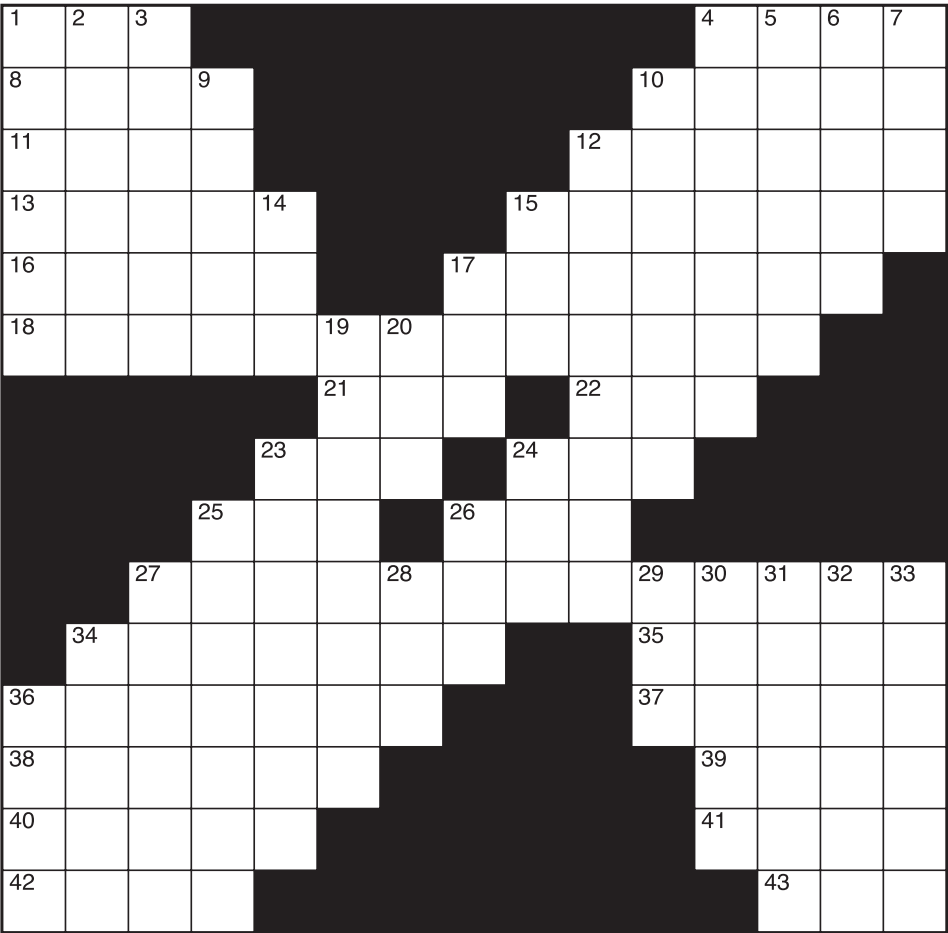


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 - 10. Unit of energy
 - 11. Genus of beetles
 - 12. Type of respect
 - 13. City in Netherlands
 - 15. Showing lack of skill
 - 16. Irish surname
 - 17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
 - 18. Diversion
 - 21. Journalist Tarbell
 - 22. Wrath
 - 23. Current unit
 - 24. Sixers' Simmons
 - 25. Makes honey
 - 26. Tributary of the Rhine
 - 27. Once home to a notorious wall
 - 34. Gets back
 - 35. She was beheaded in
- France

 - 36. Cheer
 - 37. Tropical Asian palm
 - 38. Darker
 - 39. Figures
 - 40. Old World trees
 - 41. Protects a broken bone
 - 42. Dried-up
 - 43. An enclosure for swine

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Blab
 - 2. ___ Bacall, actress
 - 3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
 - 4. The most direct route
 - 5. Affirm to be true or correct
 - 6. Rift
 - 7. Oil company
 - 9. Alphabetic character
 - 10. Large marsh bird
 - 12. Hollywood event
- 14. Scottish port
 - 15. French river
 - 17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
 - 19. More in time
 - 20. Payroll company
 - 23. Pokes holes in
 - 24. A way to steal
 - 25. Blacken with dirt
 - 26. Autonomic nervous system
 - 27. A lab tech's tool
 - 28. A place to stay
 - 29. UK school
 - 30. Moroccan
 - 31. Where rockers work
 - 32. Most friendly
 - 33. In a state of turbulence
 - 34. "Bridget Jones" actress
 - 36. Hebrew liquid units

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Hawks hockey team lose first game

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team finished 1-1 last week.

They started with a convincing 5-0 win over the visiting LCVI Spartans on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Goals were scored by Hawks captain Owen Smith, Nigel Smith (2), Owen Gilbert, and Zach Morissette.

Two days later, the Hawks travelled to Peterborough to play the Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School where they lost 2-0. It was the first loss of the season. The Hawks are third in the Kawartha Varsity Boys' Hockey League with a 3-1 record. They've held opponents in check, allowing only three goals in four games while scoring 15.

The team will gain invaluable experience when they are scheduled to compete at the Maxwell Heights Tournament in Oshawa. Next Wednesday, the Hawks will host Thomas A. Stewart Secondary for the last game before the Christmas holidays.

Red Hawks junior basketball team split their first week

After losing 35-22 to the visiting I.E. Weldon Wildcats in their home opener on Tuesday, Dec. 4, the Hawks rebounded with a dominating performance over the Brock Bulldogs 50-22 to level out their record to 1-1.

The team, which is coached by Paul Longo and Sam Little, will host the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary on Thursday, Dec. 13. Tip off is at 3 p.m. Before the holidays, the team will host the Falcons of Fenelon Falls Secondary School on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Game time is 3 p.m.

Games are subject to change without notice.

There weren't enough senior players committed to playing this 2018-2019 season so the juniors will be the sole representative for the Hawks. It's been more than 20 years since the Hawks have had a senior team.

Christmas Season

St. Anthony of Padua Mission Church
27 Victoria Street

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
Tuesday December 18th 7:00 pm

Solemnity of Christmas
Christmas Eve
Monday December 24th 9:30 pm
Christmas Day
Tuesday December 25th 9:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Saturday December 29th 4:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
New Year's Eve
Monday December 31st 9:30 pm
New Year's Day
Tuesday January 1st 9:00 am

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday January 5th 4:30 pm

A Warm Welcome Awaits!



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Atom

This past weekend the Ridgewood Ford/Cottage Country Building Supplies Atoms travelled through whiteout conditions to Norwood for the NDMS 2018 Hockey Tournament. Our opening game versus the hometown Hornets squad would catch us off guard with a 7-4 loss. Storm goals by Jace Mills and Josh Scheffee with a pair a piece weren't enough to secure a win. Assists by Austin Latanville, Jace Mills and Owen Sisson. Saturday evenings matchup versus Campbellford was full of excitement as both teams battled for the win. Two goals by Austin Latanville kept the Storm in the picture but it was Jace Mills creative bank shot off the net minder that gave us the win. Assists by Jace Mills and Evan Jones on the Latanville goals. Game 3 vs. Orono was a healthy rematch from our October loss to the Leafs on home ice. This was Josh Scheffee's time to shine, popping all three goals from the far right side to stun the Orono team with only his third goal needing two helpers from Owen Sisson and Parker Simms. A massive save by Chase Winder was the difference maker flashing his glove to snare a hard wrist shot in the first period proving our potential in the opening frame. The final game on Sunday night opened up with two quick goals from Evan Jones helped by Toby Posti's breakout pass up the middle and Austin Latanville from Parker Simms. A third goal by Josh Scheffee from Austin and Evan kept the Storm ahead by 1. Parker Simms found himself going to end to end twice, once hitting the top bar and then resulting in Josh Scheffee picking up his rebound for what would be the game winner.

The Storm saw a real comeback style goaltending performance from their goalie Chase Winder who looked sharp through all three periods despite numerous shots and traffic in the paint. His positive energy and no-quit attitude was evident as he sent Hornet shots to the corners and away from the net. The 4-3 final earned the Storm its first tournament win of the season with Jace Mills and Austin Latanville sharing the games MVP honours. Before heading into the Christmas break you can catch the Storm Atoms on the ice at A.J LaRue Arena on the 15th at 2 p.m. vs. the Ennismore Eagles.

By Pasi Posti

Bantam

On Friday, the Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland Bantams hosted the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. The Storm were down one in the first when Dylan Keefer responded. Then early in the second Jackson Wilson found the net assisted by Keefer. Shortly after Kain Brannigan scored assisted by Wilson and Hall making it 3-1 Storm. The Thunder came back quickly tying the game up 3-3 midway through the second. Late in the second period Kyan Hall scored assisted by Brannigan bringing the Storm ahead once again, however the Thunder responded quickly in the third with three more goals. Making the final score 6-4 Thunder.

On Saturday, the Storm travelled to Norwood to play in the Norwood Bantam Rep Tournament. First off the Storm faced the West Lincoln Wrath. The game was scoreless in the first. The Wrath scored in the second period which was quickly answered by a short handed goal by Dylan Keefer. With nine seconds left in the game Kyan Hall scored from behind the net winning the game 2-1 Storm.

The second game of the tournament was against the Leeds Chargers. Our lone goal of the game was a hard shot from the blue line scored by Dylan Keefer. Even

with Darian Maddock's skilled goaltending and our quick defenders we were unable to hold back the Chargers 3-1.

On Sunday the Storm advanced in the tournament to play Muskoka Rock. The Rock came on fast in the first period putting two on the scoreboard. In the second period, Cooper Lloyd delivered one in the net, assisted by Jackson Wilson and Kyan Hall putting the Storm back in the game. However, after multiple attempts neither side were able to find the net making the final 2-1 Muskoka.

Next up the Storm face the Lindsay Muskies Friday night in Minden at 7 p.m. Come on out and support the team.

By Jessica Lloyd

Novice

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice Reps travelled to Ennismore to battle the Ennismore Eagles. In the first period, the Storm marked a point after fumbling over a loose puck in front of the net. The second period was scoreless, but the Storm put three more in the net in the third. The Storm took a 4-1 win with goals by Henry Neilson (2), Evan Perrott, and Luke Gruppe.

The team played a double header against the Almaguin Ice Devils on Sunday in Haliburton. The first game, the Highlander Game of the Week, was the fourth time the Storm met the Ice Devils this year, and they anticipated another strong win however, the Ice Devils were out to prove them wrong. The Ice Devils started the scoring by putting in a goal in the first 40 seconds of the game. Luke Gruppe put the first goal in for the Storm by picking up Evan Perrott's rebound. In the second, the Ice Devils snuck in another goal during a three-on-five power-play, taking a 2-1 lead. Matt Scheffee, Isaac Trotter, and Henry Neilson continued to set up great passing plays inside the offensive zone. Jack Tomlinson, took some powerful shots from the blue line, while his defense partner, Ethan DeCarlo, held the line, constantly anticipating where the puck was heading. The Storm found their stride in the third period. Tomlinson shot the puck to Gruppe who then passed it to Evan Perrott who tied the game 2-2. Max Rupnow then intercepted an Ice Devils pass and took a shot on net. Luke Gruppe picked up the rebound and fired it in. Neilson took a pass from Trotter and scored with a hard backhand shot. The Ice Devils put in a third goal on a powerplay. Easton Burk and Jaxen Casey continued to prove they are a powerful defensive duo with aggressive back checking and firm passes. Rupnow, Perrott, and Gruppe stormed down the Ice together which resulted in Gruppe's hat trick goal. Tomlinson then fired a shot up to Neilson who put in the last goal for the Storm. The team's hard work in the third period, and excellent goaltending by Carter Braun, earned them a 6-3 win.

In the second game, the team proved their strength. They held their positions and set up great passing plays. Storm goalies, Carter Braun and Landon Simms earned shutouts and made several considerable saves as the Storm took a 4-0 win. Goals were scored by Evan Perrott, Henry Neilson, Isaac Trotter, and Matt Scheffee. The Novices play next Saturday in Haliburton and Sunday in Lindsay.

By Sarah Gruppe

Peewee A

The JoAnne Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's traveled to

Wasaga Beach to play in a weekend tournament. The first game was on Saturday against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Unfortunately the Storm lost 5-0. The second game was against the Elmvale Coyotes. This was a nail biter game. The first period Cheyenne Degeer scored the first goal, however Elmvale answered. In the second Addison St Cyr scored and Elmvale answered again. It was a tie game going into the third. Unfortunately Elmvale scored early and the final was a 3-2 loss for the Storm.

On Sunday, Dec. 9 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A versed the Wasaga Beach Stars. The first period started with a goal by Addison St Cyr, however Wasaga quickly answered. The second period began with a short handed goal by Austin Boylan. There were a couple more penalty kills and than we were going into the third. The third started with an early goal by Cooper Coles. Storm killed another penalty. However with two minutes left Wasaga pulled their goalie on a power play but Storm shut them down and came out with a 3-1 win to end the tournament.

The next upcoming game is on Friday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue arena verse the Bracebridge Bears.

By Amber Card

Midget

The Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Storm Midgets travelled to Parry Sound to participate in the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Midget Classic tournament, Dec 7-9. They returned home with a 1-1-1 record. The Midgets had a splendid start Friday, against the Six Nations Blackhawks, winning 2-1. The Storm ignited in the first period and showered the goalie with shots. Late in the period, the Storm capitalized on a power play. Haedicke controlled the puck behind the net, then fed Gilbert and he snapped a top corner shot for the first Storm goal. The action continued in the second period and the Blackhawks tied it up. With just a few seconds left, Walker took a point shot, the Storm closed in on the net for the rebound and Smith found the opening. It was a nail biter third period with end to end action, Sisson stood strong in net, and the Storm took the game 2-1. The next day, the Storm met with the Stayner Cyclones. The Storm took advantage of a power play late in the first period. Robinson took the puck from behind the net and back-handed in the only Storm goal. Just seconds later, the Cyclones tied it up. The Storm Midgets had a multitude of opportunities, however this game ended in a 1-1 tie. Later on Saturday, the Storm midgets met with the Caledonia Thunder. It was a tough go from the start and the Storm team struggled in both ends. The Thunder's defence held the Storm at bay and dominated offensively. The Storm Midgets worked very hard, however they lost 3-0 against the Thunder. The Storm team should be very proud and their accomplishments at the tournament.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Tyke

The Tom Prentice and Sons and Walker's Heating and Cooling Tyke Team travelled to their first Jamboree in Campbellford. They played three games taking on during this day tournament.

Nixon Ecclestone lead the team with goals scoring 29 throughout the day, Kelson Bagshaw racked up six, Brady Burke scored three, Matthew Mueller and Nash Wilson both put up two and Cooper Gilbert and Blake

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Cost: by donation
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When: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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When: Friday, Dec.14, noon to 2 p.m.
Where: Wilberforce Legion
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Haliburton Pastoral Charge
When: Sunday, Dec.16, 11:15 a.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St., Haliburton
"There Is a Savior" Cantata by Haliburton United Church Choir, directed by Melissa Stephens

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Hutchinson each had one. Rowan Johnson was key in setting up many of the storms attached and goalie Jackson Robichaud stopped several shots during each game. The team had a great day and were all so proud to each receive a well earned medal!

By Marita Bagshaw

Peewee LL

The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire team travelled to Bracebridge to face off against the Muskoka Bears Saturday, Dec. 8. This game was amazingly close in Bracebridge this weekend. Highland Storm came out with three goals this game, scored by Jamie Crowe, Ethan Megrah-Poppe, and Faysal Wiso.

The Highland Storm Canadian Tire team was down a few players this weekend but they played strong. The game was tied up in the third period but unfortunately with four minutes left in the third period the Muskoka Bears scored their fourth goal ending the game 4-3 with the win for them.

Carson Simms played an amazing game with 29 saves. The Highland Storm LL Peewee Canadian Tire Teams next game is Saturday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. in Minden against the Almaguin Ice Devils.

By Shawn Guild

Midget LL

This past weekend the Highland Storm Pharmasave LL Midgets participated in the Regional Silver Stick Tournament in Minden. The team faced off bright and early Saturday morning against the Sturgeon Thunder. The Thunder scored four minutes into the game, the goal which would ultimately be the winner in a 3-0 loss for the Storm. Storm goalie Nate Miscio was spectacular throughout the game giving his teammates the opportunity to remain competitive. The closest was a fine passing play between Sam Hoenow and Jake Sisson with Sis-

son hitting the post. Brenden Newhook was a constant threat as well whenever he was on the ice.

Game 2 was versus the Manver Mustangs. Miscio continued with hi-light saves and Newhook using his speed provided some scoring chances but it was the Mustangs that would open the scoring before Tim Turners sweet wrap around goal tied it up. Unfortunately it's as close as the Storm would end up losing the match 4-1.

For their final game, the Pharmasave Midgets faced off against the Apsley Flames. The first period saw balanced action but neither team was able to score. The Flames did take the lead early in the second however the Storm tied it up shortly after when Newhooks efforts finally paid off setting up Paul Turner beautifully from behind the net. The Flames scored once more midway thru the final period and held on for a 2-1 win.

By Gord Hoenow

Novice 2 LL

On Sunday the Dewayen Simms LL Novice 2 team hosted the Huntsville Davicor in Haliburton. It was a slow start to the game with a lot of back and forth action but nothing landing in the net. Huntsville started the scoring four minutes into the second. Storm answered back one minute later as McCartney Saunders buried one, assisted by Jacob Manning. Huntsville took the lead at the start of the third. Storm was able to tie the game up as Mason Latanville landed one in the net, assisted by Levi Rowe. With only 24 seconds left of the game, Campbell McCracken took off down the ice on a breakaway and made a drop pass to Latanville. Latanville took a shot and Saunders jumped in on the rebound, taking the lead. Storm win 3-2.

By Stephanie Harrison

Atom LL

The TD Canada Trust Atom Highland Storm team took on the Parry Sound McNabb Home Builders in what we knew would be a tough game. Parry Sound came out strong and were able to defeat the TD Atoms with final score of 9-0. Player of the game goes to Kamauhl Cassey Russel. Come cheer on the TD Atoms next weekend as they take on South Muskoka.

By Chris McMartin

Novice LL

Storm's Novice Local League Brightwoods Landscaping and Consulting took to the ice in Huntsville on Saturday, Dec. 8 vs. Huntsville Near North for an early morning game. Brody Hartwig landed the first goal of the game with only seconds left in the first period assisted by Jacob Sutton and Zachary Prentice. The second period showed no movement on the scoreboard with some great defensive playing from Prentice, Hawksley Dobbins, Gideon Borgdorff and Duncan Evans-Faulkner.

The Storm came on strong in the third period scoring eight goals. Hartwig landing six additional goals with assists from Prentice, Sutton, Evans-Faulkner and Matthew Fairey. Cruise Neave scored two of the goals with assists from Tyler Hughes and Benton Lloyd.

The team was looking to keep the well deserved shut out going for goalie Carter Knapton until Huntsville snuck one in the net with only 12 seconds left ending the game in a final 9-1 score. Be sure to come out to our next home game on Dec. 15 in Minden at 11 a.m.

By Cheryl Smith

Midget Girls Jets

The Bancroft IDA/Park View Dental Midget Girls Jets travelled to Peterborough on Sunday, Dec. 9 to face the Ice Kats.

Both teams exchanged opportunities end to end throughout the game with the end result being a tie 1-1.

Near the end of the first period, Haley Goulet got control of the puck, skated into the opponents zone and made a beautiful back pass to Gabby Burnett. Burnett took a shot on net which rebounded and resulted in a scramble in front of the net. Liv Martin jammed the puck in, scoring the only goal for the Jets.

Come out and cheer the Jets on this coming weekend at their home games at the NHCC. Saturday, Dec 15 vs the Otonabee Wolverines and Sunday, Dec. 11 vs the Ennismore Eagles. Both games are at 4:30 p.m. Go Jets Go!

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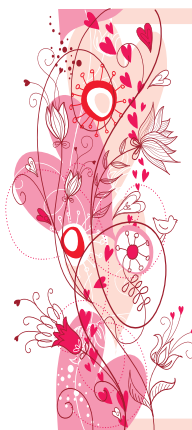
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Echo changes, adopts narrow, modern format

Echo readers will notice a significant change in the newspaper this week, and it's a change we hope you'll like.

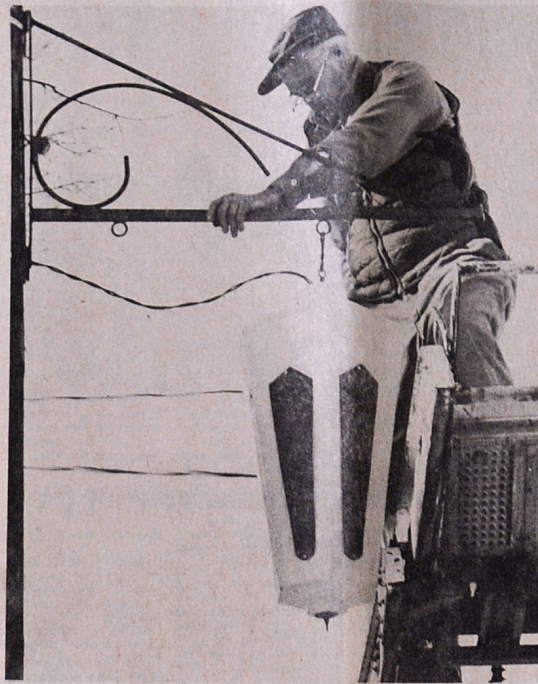
Recently, the size of most 'broadsheet' or 'metro' newspapers has been reduced, while the Echo, and other community newspapers printed at the Muskoka Web printing plant in Bracebridge, has remained large. The extra width (34 inches as opposed to the more common 30 inches), made the newspaper difficult to handle and required up to 12 per cent more newsprint than the more modern format.

With this week's issue, the Echo has dropped one column from each page, losing two inches in width and gaining, we hope, a great deal in readability and ease of handling.

Easier to handle

The new page width will also make it easier to fit advertisements and copy together on individual pages, enabling us to produce an even cleaner, better looking newspaper than in the past.

In the weeks and months to come, we will continue to try to bring you the best of news, features, advertisements, photographs and editorial comment available in the Highlands. We hope you'll agree that the new, narrower Echo is an definite improvement.



Haliburton's main street has been taking on the look of Christmas this week with the addition of decorative lighting. Here Charlie Herron connects one of the new lights.

Board sets staff

Three teachers to be hired as board adds classes required under Bill 82

The Haliburton County Board of Education will hire at least three new teachers next year to help meet the demands of Bill 82, the province's sweeping new special education legislation.

At a meeting last Tuesday, the board agreed with recommendations of its special project committee that will see teachers added at Archie Stouffer and Cardiff Elementary Schools, and at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

As well, the board agreed to operate Dorset and Gooderham elementary schools until at least June, 1983.

The staffing recommendations are based on projected enrolment at the various schools and on the board's efforts to phase in the special education programs required under Bill 82.

At Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 1982-83 enrolment is expected to be 393, down slightly from present numbers. One teacher will be added next year, however, to provide more special education programs, bringing the school's complement of teachers to 22.

Enrolment at Cardiff elementary school is expected to increase to 110 next year, the board has agreed to establish a special education class at the school, and will hire an additional teacher to bring the staff up to six members.

No staffing changes are anticipated at Dorset elementary school, which became a Kindergarten to Grade 4 facility for the first time this fall. Dorset area children who need special education are expected to be served in Muskoka under an

agreement that would be negotiated between the two boards. The board agreed to keep the school open for at least one more year, but will review the matter each autumn.

No changes are anticipated at Gooderham elementary school, which presently has a staff of two teachers. Any children from the Dorset area who require special education will be bused to Haliburton to attend Kindergarten to Grade 2 at Victoria Street school and Grade 3 and 4 at Haliburton Highlands Senior Elementary School.

The board agreed the school will remain open until at least June, 1983, with an annual review.

Victoria Street School, which has been filled to capacity in recent years, will get some relief from overcrowding next fall as the school's two Grade 3 classes will be moved to the senior elementary school. Two teachers will be moved from Victoria Street to HHSES, leaving a principal and seven teachers on staff.

No staffing changes are

anticipated at HHSES other than the two teachers who will move from Victoria Street. A total of 25.5 teachers will be on staff at HHSES next year, and enrolment is expected to be 482 students.

Wilberforce elementary school will continue unchanged, and enrolment next year is expected to be 56 students. Youngsters from the school who need special education will be sent to Cardiff if there is sufficient space, or will be bused to Haliburton schools.

Enrolment at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is expected to fall by at least 20 students next year, which would have meant the loss of one teaching job. But because special vocational classes established this year will be expanded next year, the surplus teacher will be retained and another added to the staff.

If projected enrolment of 600 students rises by 15 or 20 next September, the board agreed to add an additional staff member, as it did this year when enrolment exceeded June projections.

Causeway opposed

Bob Lake cottagers reject proposal

A proposal to construct a causeway to an island in Bob Lake met with opposition before the matter was discussed by Anson, Hindon and Minden council, last week.

In a letter to council, Louis Alvarez asked the municipality to consider his proposal to build a causeway to an island in Bob Lake. However,

before the discussion could begin, municipal by-law enforcement officer, Dick Schell told council he had a letter on file from landowners on Bob Lake asking to be notified of any projects to build a causeway to the island.

The letter from the landowners, containing 21 signatures, was received by the council.

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Seasonal zoning guidelines released

Ministry eases restrictions, municipalities with official plans will benefit

Municipalities with official plans can allow year round residences in cottage areas without rezoning, under new guidelines released recently by the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. But seasonal zoning will continue to be required in cottage areas of municipalities which lack official plans.

polices are included in the official plan. The ministry's primary interest, when reviewing these policies, will be to ensure that the municipality has carried out the necessary background analysis.

In municipalities without an official plan, however,

"the ministry will continue to recommend seasonal zoning. This will enable municipalities and other public agencies to assess the environmental, servicing and financial implications when applications for rezoning for permanent residential use are submitted."

Dysart et al is the only municipality in Haliburton County which has an official plan. Other municipalities operate with zoning by-laws under the blanket Planning Strategy for the county, completed two years ago. The document has no official status, and the county is

considering the advisability of proceeding with an official plan in the near future.

In the meantime, according to the new guidelines, seasonal zoning will have to be included in cottage areas when zoning by-laws are updated.

Board, students share cost of facilities

A joint project between the Haliburton County Board of Education and students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is expected to result in improved athletic facilities at the school.

The students council has agreed to raise \$4000 this year and \$1000 next year to help meet the cost of two, double tennis courts, three strips of asphalt with basketball hoops and another court that could be used for badminton and handball.

While no figures have been finalized, the project is expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000, according to estimates discussed at a meeting of the board last Tuesday night.

Main purpose of the fa-

cilities, to be built on a filled area adjacent to the existing track and playing field, is to provide students with additional recreational opportunities on their lunch hours and after school. As well, physical education classes

could make use of the courts during regular school hours. In the evenings, the facilities would be open to the public.

Students, under the direction of the students council, have been selling chocolate bars in the community for the

past several weeks to raise funds for the project.

Board members were enthusiastic about the scheme, but reserved a decision on the matter until firm estimates have been received, probably for the December session.

Minden backs nuclear energy

Two vote 'nay' to resolution calling for more reactors

by SUE COOPER
Staff Reporter

Two registered 'nay' votes didn't sway Anson, Hindon and Minden council from backing the development of nuclear energy by Ontario Hydro for foreign and do-

mestic markets. At its regular meeting last Wednesday evening, council received a resolution from the Township of Greenock in Bruce County asking that "the provincial government of Ontario be requested to explore the possibility of foreign export of electricity

derived from nuclear power" and "that the construction of additional nuclear power plants be considered for not only domestic demand but also for export of electrical energy especially to the United States."

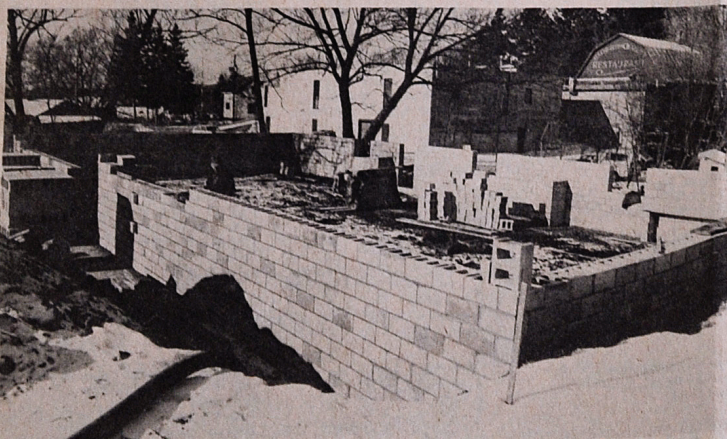
The resolution from Anson, Hindon and Minden was moved by councillor Larry Cummins, seconded by deputy reeve Doug Pritchard and the tie-breaking vote to support the Township of Greenock was made by reeve Lloyd Walker. Councillors Lyle McKnight and Ed Pergolas recorded 'nay' votes.

"I still don't believe in it. It's too dangerous," Pergolas told the rest of council. There was little discussion on the matter at the council table.

Although Pergolas suggested nuclear power was unsafe, the resolution from Greenock, which was sent to municipalities across the province, said "the Candu Nuclear system of Ontario Hydro has been demonstrated as the most productive and efficient nuclear power generation system in the world."

The Greenock resolution suggested expertise in the nuclear system "could be expanded to the benefit of all Canadians." The Bruce County township also stated "the cost of electrical energy to the Ontario public would

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The foundation for the new St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church is nearing completion. The new

church is being built on the site of the old structure, which was torn down earlier this fall.



Allen and Delaine Miller were two of the many people who turned up at Extensicare on Saturday to buy goods offered in the Happy Gang's annual Christmas Bazaar.

Minden okays four year term

Recreation committee will also have student, senior citizen

Future members of the Anson, Hindon and Minden recreation committee will now be appointed for a four year term and one year term limits the effectiveness of their decisions. "I think they'd do a far better job," (in a four year term) he said.

Councillor McKnight agreed. Council decided last Wednesday that four year appointments might allow members of the committee to be more involved in on-going recreational projects in the municipality.

After attending a seminar on recreation earlier this year, Ed Pergolas, council's member on the recreation board (along with councillor Lyle McKnight) suggested the four year terms established in other communities in the province

might be more progressive. Presently members are appointed for a one year term but Pergolas said the time limits the effectiveness of their decisions. "I think they'd do a far better job," (in a four year term) he said.

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long term to ask a volunteer to serve but council agreed with Pergolas that a natural turnover would occur because the positions are voluntary and a member could resign at any time.

"You're going to have a natural change anyway," Pergolas said.

With the provincial government forecasting that "more and more" funds will be provided for recreation, Pergolas said the municipality should get into the "slipstream".

Council authorized the four year appointments for four members of the recreation committee and one year terms for a senior citizen and student.

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